

# Equipment Operator

## Summary:

Under general supervision, operates various equipment including graders, tractors, backhoes, front end loaders, dump trucks, and trash trucks. May also include forklifts and front skid steer loaders.

## Duties and Responsibilities:

- May lead, guide, and train staff/student employees, interns, and/or volunteers performing related work; may participate in the recruitment of volunteers, as appropriate to the area of operation.
- Performs routine inspection and maintenance on vehicles such as checking oil, water, and tires.
- Operates graders for leveling and operates tractors to load materials such as dirt and rocks.
- Operates backhoe and front end loaders as required.
- Operates forklifts and dump trucks to transport trash and materials.
- Operates various equipment for general site preparation, landscaping, excavation, and related assignments.
- Ensures proper care in the use and maintenance of equipment and supplies; promotes continuous improvement of workplace safety and environmental practices.
- Performs miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned.
- May perform curb markings, striping operations, and/or other pavement markings as required.

## Minimum Job Requirements

- High school diploma or GED; at least 2 years of experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified.
- Completed degree(s) from an accredited institution that are above the minimum education requirement may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis.

## Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required

- Ability to operate heavy equipment.
- Knowledge of light and heavy equipment operation and maintenance.
- Ability to use hand and power tools applicable to trade.
- Knowledge of basic vehicle inspection and maintenance including tire pressure, checking oil and water levels.
- Ability to read, understand, follow, and enforce safety procedures.

## Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Preferred:

- Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

## Conditions of Employment

- Must pass a pre-employment background check.
- Must have a valid Tennessee Drivers License.

## Working Conditions and Physical Effort

- Work environment involves some exposure to hazards or physical risks, which require following basic safety precautions.
- Work involves almost constant exposure to unusual elements, such as extreme temperatures, toxic chemicals, biohazardous materials, dirt, dust, fumes, smoke, and/or loud noises.
- Extensive physical activity. Requires strenuous physical work; heavy lifting, pushing, or pulling required of objects over 50 pounds.